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Deputy fire chief
estimates blaze caused
\$530,000 in damage

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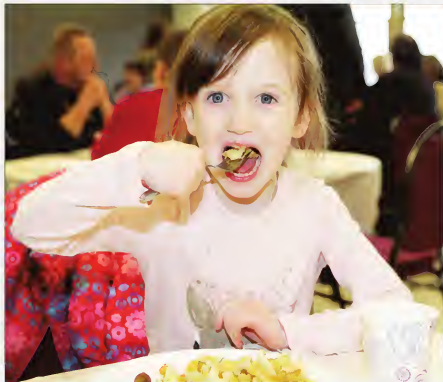
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Delicious breakfast



JOSEPH BURD Special to The Times

Four-year-old Izzabella Dinga Carey, of Crystal Beach, enjoyed her breakfast Saturday at the Central Fire Station in Fort Erie. Firefighters from Central Fire Station held their annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast and served up eggs, sausages and pancakes.

Chamber hosts debate

Four candidates
discuss issues for
Ward 2 residents

Fort Erie's Ward 2 candidates were challenged with questions about infrastructure improvements, economic development and fiscal responsibility last Tuesday night.

About 45 people attended the debate, which was hosted by the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce at Fort Erie Secondary School. A byelection was called in January following the death of Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular.

When asked what he thought are the two major issues Ward 2 residents are facing, Larry Graber said infrastructure and taxation are two concerns because many of the town's residents "are (living) on fixed incomes."

George Jardine said "infrastructure is falling apart" and taxpayers are paying "more and more for services but getting less and less."

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Stevensville blaze causes \$530,000 in damage

Sarah Ferguson
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Damage is put at \$530,000 after a fire engulfed Minor Brothers Country Living, a farm supply retailer, Friday afternoon.

Four stations from the Fort Erie Fire Department responded to a call for a fire at 2736 Stevensville Rd., at 4:28 p.m. in Stevensville.

Deputy fire Chief Keith German said there were no injuries as a result of the fire.

The cause of the fire is still undetermined.

According to German, the investigation into the cause of the fire continued on Monday morning.

"Hopefully we will get some answers (about what caused the fire)," he said.



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
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Candidates discuss economic development, infrastructure

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John Mollicone said the Town has "some financial challenges paying for roads."

"It would be nice to have a top notch hospital, too. The reality is we have to raise those funds (to pay for these projects). We need them," he added.

"What I'm hearing while going door-to-door has not changed since the municipal election in October," Stephen Passero said. "Infrastructure and taxation. They go hand in hand."

Passero said it's important for council to set aside dollars in a reserve fund to pay for vital projects such as road maintenance.



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Ward 2 candidates Larry Graber, George Jardine, John Mollicone and Stephen Passero participated in a debate last Tuesday night, which was hosted by the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce at Fort Erie Secondary School.

Health Corner

Are your teeth being too sensitive?

Tooth sensitivity is a very common condition that affects people of all ages. It is estimated that tooth sensitivity, or dentin hypersensitivity, affects approximately 15% of the general population. It is also more commonly seen in individuals aged 30-50 years of age. Dentin is the second layer of the tooth which is normally covered by the enamel and covers the nerve. The causes of dentin hypersensitivity include:

- Excessive or forceful tooth brushing
- Gum disease
- Acid erosion
- Dental bleaching

In all of the above situations, the dentin of the tooth is exposed either by the receding of gums or loss of tooth structure. Dentin is a part of the tooth that has many small channels that run from the outside of the tooth towards the center where the nerve is contained. If dentin is exposed, and these channels or tubules are open, changes in temperature, air pressure or even sugary substances can cause the nerve of the tooth to be stimulated. We experience this as pain. It is usually



Dr. John Imigo

of short duration and is sharp in nature.

Treatment for sensitive teeth
The best treatment for dentin hypersensitivity is preventing the causes of sensitivity from occurring in the first place. Prevention includes:

- Using a soft bristle toothbrush with a non-abrasive toothpaste
- Avoid consuming very acidic foods and beverages
- If you suffer from conditions such as GERD (acid reflux), see your doctor for treatment
- Avoid brushing your teeth immediately after consuming acidic foods
- Regular flossing coupled with regular visits to your dentist to prevent gum disease

If you have already encountered dentin hypersensitivity, there are two categories of treatment that can be helpful, home treatment and in-office treatment. Home treatment includes brushing with a desensitizing toothpaste. In-office treatment includes:

- Application of a desensitizing agent on sensitive teeth
- Covering the exposed dentin with a filling material
- Use of dental lasers to desensitize the nerve
- Growing gum tissue where it has receded

If you feel like your teeth are more sensitive to hot or cold foods or to certain types of food, see your dentist about what may be causing this. Your dentist can provide you with different options on how to treat this condition or, at the very least, guide you towards preventing any further damage to your teeth and gums.

Dr. John Imigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie, Ontario and Ridgeway, Ontario. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry, 905.871.2903 or Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry 905.894.5555. Please visit www.inigodentistry.com

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Byelection to be held March 30

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He said the only way to help lower costs for residents is to support projects that will draw people to live in Fort Erie and increase the tax base.

The only way to lower the cost (for projects) is to spread it out. We need to draw more residents. You'll always see an increase in taxes but the best you can do is to spread them out," Graber said it is important for council to ensure the town's industrial lands are shovel ready when opportunity knocks on the door.

"If we can get the Canadian Motor Speedway and the marina, than other projects will get behind them," Graber said. "If these projects come, it will let others know that Fort Erie is open for business."

Jardine recalled a main trunk sewer line project that was "agreed to in 1980" that was never completed. He said the project should never have been cancelled and politicians should "keep their promises."

"You can't do anything with the marina unless you have a sewage line," he added.

Mollicone said partners are essential in order to sustain business.

"The reality is, it is a multi-faceted drive," Mollicone said. "Developments need to work together at the same

time."

"Council doesn't create jobs but council can implement projects to encourage them," Passero said. "We need to take a proactive approach to encourage and support developments like the Canadian Motor Speedway and the marina."

When asked about being fiscally responsible while tackling infrastructure problems, Graber said local business owners should be invited to a session for "a frank and open discussion as to why they do business in Fort Erie."

"If we know why they are here, we can attract other businesses in Fort Erie and it will allow us to update the town's infrastructure."

Jardine said money generated from the slots program at the Port Erie Race Track should have been used to update infrastructure while Mollicone said "the province should be held accountable" for assisting in funding for infrastructure improvements.

Passero said council "needs to be consistent" in setting aside dollars for investment and a strategic capital investment program needs to be developed.

The byelection will be held on Monday, March 30.

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Do You Remember?

Our thanks to Susan Boice and Colin Morningstar for writing in about last week's photo of the Black Creek students.

They were two of the winners of the school's 1973 public speaking contest.

Starting bottom left and going clockwise we have: Scott Schneider, Colin Morningstar, Boris Mitran, Mike Richmond, Susan Boice and Mary-Ellen Vesley.

Our thanks to Colin's rela-

tives who alerted him about this photo as he now lives and works in the U.S.

As well, thanks to Glenna Laur for phoning in about the Feb. 26 photo. The man in the centre is Major James Laur

standing between Ethel Woehl (left) and Jennie Curtis (right). Identified previously at the far left is Maisie Brown. We think that these could have been judges at the Bertie Fair as both Major Laur and Maisie

Brown were involved in the Fair.

This week's photo shows four women looking over a poster announcing "Dessert Bridge".

The woman on the far left standing has been identified as Lolo Mann. If you know any of the others or where and why this dessert bridge was held, please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

From the gardener's journal: signs show Spring is near

Ruth Vold Markle
Special to The Times

This week brought me by the lake and the strait of Niagara a few times.

Lovely to see that bluest of blue waters on sunny days. And the still of the frozen lake is broken nicely by the singing of birds throughout the bush. We are so fortunate to live close to these major waters, particularly as spring seems to be coming for real now.

In the greenhouse, we appear to be in the lush tropics as the sunshine heats and warms everything. There is no stopping the growth now. Even the most

reluctant seeds and sprouts are lured out of hiding these days.

There are signs of spring coming, but not yet here. I thought of a few personal nudges of spring. You might add more to this list.

You know spring is on its way when all the stray recycling appears in the melting snow banks.

When vehicles all seem to be the same colour until a good rain or wash

When you need sunglasses on a sunny day

When you are tempted to open the windows and doors for a few minutes to air your space

When the urge to wash

curtains and draperies and move furniture around seems strong

When that winter coat that seemed so perfect a little while ago, is too much now.

When you try heading out the door in shoes not boots singing in the early morning

When most of the sunrises are a lovely soft pink

When you can hear the children laughing and playing outside again.

I crave vegetables during this season and I thought I would share a favorite recipe.

This is from the Moosewood Collective.

Vegetables ala Grecque

- Using four different vegetables of a variety of colour: potatoes, sweet potatoes, carrots and parsnips should be peeled and thinly sliced.

- Green beans and sugar snaps should be stemmed. Bell peppers best cut into strips and slice zucchini and onions into rounds while mushrooms, cauliflower and broccoli florets should be bite sized.

- The vegetables (about eight to 10 cups chopped/sliced) can be prepared in advance and then tossed with the marinade shortly before serving.

Marinade:

- The 1/2 two teaspoon black peppercorn and two bay

leaves into a tea ball. Then tie together, using kitchen string: one large rosemary sprig, two large fresh tarragon sprigs, two large fresh thyme sprigs.

- In a nonreactive saucepan add two cups dry white wine, four cloves of garlic, pressed, 1/2 cup cider vinegar and one teaspoons salt.

- Add the tea ball of bay leaf and peppercorn and the sprigs tied.

- Bring to a boil, then reduce heat, cover simmer for 12 to 15 minutes.

- Begin adding the vegetables, beginning with the blandest ones, ending with the strongest flavour, such as cauliflower. Blanch until

the vegetables are just tender, then remove from marinade with slotted spoon.

- Potatoes and carrots take about 10 minutes while bell peppers, onions and mushrooms take only two to three minutes. Pour any remaining marinade over cooked vegetables and serve or chill for later.

- You can add cherry tomatoes or calamata olives before serving for a little added colour.

Until next week, keep growing.

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Club.

opinion page

March Break isn't over yet, there are still lots of activities to enjoy

March Break has been exciting so far, but it's not over yet.

Tonight, the Centennial branch of the Fort Erie Public Library is screening *Mockingjay*, Part 1, based on the third book in the bestselling *Hunger Games* trilogy by Suzanne Collins.

Starring Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen, *Mockingjay* sees the heroine back home in District 13, fighting to save her friend Peeta and a nation moved by her courage.

The movie begins at 6:30 p.m., and is rated PG. *Mockingjay*, Part 1 will air on Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge



Amy Roebuck
Fort Erie Public Library

branch.

Home Alone, a program to teach safety, first aid and comfort skills for children ages 8 and up, is offered by St John Ambulance at the Centennial branch on Friday afternoon.

Pre-registration is

required, and may be made by calling 905-356-7340.

On Saturday, the Centennial branch will offer two events for kids and teens, to close out March Break fun.

For early risers, a Wii U Super Smash Brothers tournament will start with bracketing at 10:15 a.m. for ages eight and up. Join us to see who the top Smasher is.

Please call to pre-register for this free event.

We will screen the final part of Peter Jackson's epic *The Hobbit* with *Battle of the Five Armies*, beginning at 1 p.m. This movie is rated PG.

When the older kids return to school next

week, little brothers and sisters may be feeling left out.

No worries—we have fun for them on Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m., when the Parenting and Family Literacy Centre joins with the library to offer Family Time, an interactive and fun adventure with stories, songs, rhymes, activities and playtime for all ages, babies included. Family Time is free and no registration is needed.

The Chautauqua Institution in western New York is a wonderful place of learning, culture and relaxation—a getaway that is not so very far from home. John and Ann McLaughlin, who

have summured at Chautauqua for several years, will guide us in an armchair tour on Wednesday evening, March 25, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Centennial branch. A representative of the Chautauqua Institution will be available to answer questions, and a draw will be held for a night's lodging at the lovely, heritage Athenaeum Hotel.

Whether you have enjoyed the sights and sounds of Chautauqua many times, or have simply wondered what it is all about, this evening will be a marvelous virtual visit.

Many readers were saddened to learn of the

death of their favourite author, Sir Terry Pratchett.

Pratchett was an English author of fantasy novels, especially comical works. He is best known for his *Discworld* series of about 40 volumes. Pratchett's first novel was published in 1971, and since 1983, he wrote two books a year on average. The library collection includes 42 books by Pratchett. See the display at the Centennial branch, or visit the website www.fepl.ca to place a hold on a Pratchett story.

Amy Roebuck is the Community Services Coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

Be on the lookout for snow fleas on warmer, sunny winter days

What a winter!

It has been a tough time for nature lovers my age. Looking at some of my, unpublished in the papers, nature blogs. I found one about snow fleas.

No kidding, Out with Ernie Giles and Debbie Magnus we went mid-winter to Marcy Woods.

Ernie halted us as we started up the lane to the Marcy cabin.

On our right was a snow covered stump. He said, "Snow fleas!"

The snow on the stump was covered with black specks.

There, where the sun had melted a patch of snow, something was moving. "Springtails," said Ernie.

We stepped closer and to my amazement hundreds of little black insects were alive and hopping about.

Ernie informed us that



Earl Plato
When Nature Calls

the Springtails are also called Snow fleas.

Springtails.

Why that name?

Ernie told us to look closely. This consummate naturalist had a magnifying glass.

He said, "See the two appendages at the last body segment. They are like modified legs."

The little guys were constantly moving and springing a few inches.

Ernie told us that the two appendages are folded up against the Springtail's abdomen and



Snow fleas greatly magnified.

held in place by two clasps.

"Look at a flea that isn't jumping," said Ernie.

I stared and stared then I saw the two clasps spring out against the ground and the snow flea moved a few inches.

Springtail is a good name.

On this sunny, winter day Springtails had come out to feed in the warmth of a micro climate. I asked

Ernie if it was a mating frenzy.

He said no they are just feeding on leaf mould, pollen or algae.

Here at the base of the stump was plenty of leaf mould.

Look for snow fleas on a sunny but warmer winter day. They are more common than I had originally thought.

Think small. Enjoy God's handwork.



Another reminder! Walkers who plan on spending time in Niagara's fields and woods this coming Spring must wear long pants tucked into thick socks.

Look Funny?
So what! Long-sleeved shirts too.

I will spray my ankles, wrists and around my neck with a strong insect repellent with a good per-

centage of DEET in it.

Stay on regular trails where, I believe, are less ticks.

We know of a number of local people who have contracted that terrible affliction known as Lyme disease.

Take care in nature in 2015. Check the body for ticks after every walk.

Earl Plato is an author and Fort Erie resident.

Mental health workshops

There is help for families with loved ones that are dealing with a serious mental health problem.

Family Mental Health Education Workshops are being held across Niagara.

Topics include mental illness and substance abuse, coping skills, communicating with the ill family member, keys to wellness, community resources, medications,

non-violent crisis intervention, self care for the caregivers and more.

The workshops will be held in Fort Erie on April 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Workshops will also be held in Port Colborne on April 30, May 7, 14 and 21 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and in Welland on May 20, June 4, 11 and 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

There is no cost to attend the workshops, however registration is required.

For more information call 905-894-6809 or visit www.familysupportniagara.com.

Time for tea

You're invited for an afternoon of tea. The Bowen Road Women's Institute is hosting the Mad Hatter Tea and Luncheon at Peoples Memorial United Church at the corner of Ridge Road and Dominion Road on Saturday, March 28. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and tea will be served at noon.

Tickets are \$10 per person which includes soup, sandwiches, tea, coffee and desserts. The event also features a raffle sale, a 50/50 draw and door prizes. For more information call 905-984-2203.



Spring Forward

Though it seems like this winter has been a century long, we've sprung forward and can finally enjoy longer days and milder temps. This can mean only one thing – this year's gardening journey will be starting soon! But before you break out the patio set, there is still time to plan. By the way, planning is an annual undertaking you should do, regardless of whether your garden is still a dream or is decades old. An old saying, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail" always comes to mind.

Some ideas to think about include:

- what you want to do in your space (entertain, sit & relax, kids' play area, dog run)
- any special features (pond, patio, rock garden)
- how much time you want to spend looking after it style of garden you want (bird & butterfly friendly, country garden, tree/shrub)
- what type of plants to use based on your soil type and light conditions (wet/dry, sunny/shady)

While I've been dreaming of a green garden for months, I've also been planning this year's gardening journey. The "road trip" to our ultimate backyard paradise will take several years – this year we'll begin with planting trees & shrubs. Since the whole Niagara Peninsula should be in its own geological class, with heavy clay that doesn't drain well (an understatement if ever there was one), I want to choose plants that can cope with what they'll be planted in, so picking plants that are native to our area makes a lot of sense – both for financial reasons and to ensure that what we plant will survive and thrive.

Having evolved over millennia of shifting geological conditions, native plants have adapted to the local weather and environmental surroundings. This means they won't need extra watering, can flourish without the use

of pesticides and fertilizers, and can more easily deal with local bugs and diseases. They can also help improve water quality and offer food and habitat areas for many varieties of birds, butterflies and beneficial insects.

A couple of really good resources are Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (www.npca.ca) and Evergreen (www.evergreen.ca). Both sites are easy to use and have a wealth of information to help you choose the right plants for your home and yard.

Speaking of springing forward, Communities in Bloom will be starting the season with a new event – the **Fort Erie Communities in Bloom Spring Sprout**. Held at the Leisureplex on **Saturday, May 2nd**, it will run from **9am to 4 pm** and feature garden talks, workshops and exhibitors. **Frankie Flowers** – Canada's most popular and trusted gardening authority and weatherman, will be there...and you should be too!

You'll be supporting civic pride, environmental responsibility and community beautification – making it a better place for all of us.

With free admission and lots of give-away gifts from exhibitors, the experience will be sure to help "get your garden groove on"!

Gabrielle Todd is Vice-Chair of Communities in Bloom

Communities-in-Bloom is committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with a focus on enhancing green spaces in communities.

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Youngsters at the Centennial Branch of the Fort Erie Public Library enjoyed Mystic Drums, a musical story featuring instruments from around the world. Children learned what the instruments, including Trinidad's Steel Pan, Cuban Bongos, Spanish Castanets, and the European Xylophones sound like.

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- League is 9 holes & restricted to a total of 60 Women
- Green fees and weekly prize fund is \$22.00 HST included
- Cart fees are \$8.50 per person HST included - if desired
- Tee times are from 4:30 till 6:00 each Tuesday
- League will run from April 29th to Sept 22nd
- 50/50 draw each week - draw money will be used for year end prizes
- Chef Wayne Purpure will have a weekly dinner special which is optional
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We need your help to select a deserving winner. To vote for your favourite, all you have to do is

visit: www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/trulyuglyroom.

All of the #TrulyUglyRoom entries can also be found at www.pinterest.com/penfinancial

Voting is permitted once per day, per person. Voting ends on Friday, March 20th at 11:59 p.m. Be sure to cast your vote, spread the vote, and help PenFinancial and The Standard, Review and Tribune crown Niagara's ugliest room.

If you have any questions about the contest, we welcome you to send them to trulyuglyroom@penfinancial.com.



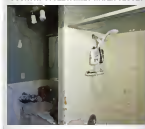
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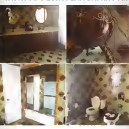
A look back at the week in Niagara

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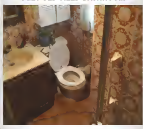
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WHAT'S GROWING IN NIAGARA

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Date: Wednesday, March 11, Club Roma, St. Catharines

Description: Niagara's finest chefs prepare and serve their favourite soup in one-of-a-kind bowls created by local potters. Included as the perfect complement are Niagara wines, specialty beverages, and delicious treats. Guests take their empty bowl home as reminder of those who struggle to meet basic living needs and secure affordable housing. Proceeds go to Bethlehem Housing & Support Services.

For more information: Call (905) 684-1960 ext. 1 or visit bethlehemhousing.org

STATE OF THE REGION

Date: Wednesday March 25, Scottiabank Convention Centre, Niagara Falls

Description: Please join us for the inaugural address by the Regional Chair, Alan Cassin. Regional Chair Cassin will share his plans for the future of the Niagara Region with the business community. The Standard, Review and Tribune are proud sponsors of this event.

To register: Please call (905) 684-2361 or visit greaterniagarachamber.com

SEAFOOD GALA

Date: Saturday April 11, Fallsview Casino, Niagara Falls

Description: The Niagara College Foundation Seafood Gala is one of the premier fundraising events in the Niagara Region. More than 700 business, educational, and community leaders attended in 2014 raising \$130,000 to support NC students. We invite you to be part of our 20th Annual Seafood Gala celebration held at the beautiful Fallsview Casino Resort on Saturday, April 11, 2015.

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Criticism, praise for Regional surpluses

Rob Houle
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While it caused outrage for one councillor, it received praise from others.

Niagara Region's corporate services committee endorsed staff recommendations last week to slide \$4.56 million in 2014 budget surpluses into reserves.

While most councillors on the committee spoke in favour of the shift to reserves and praised staff for "fairly accurate budgeting," St. Catharines regional Coun. Andy Petrovski was the exception.

"Is it fair for me to say we have collected from the taxpayers—commercial, industrial, residential—over \$4.5 million in 2014 for these various rate-supported programs which we didn't need to spend in the end?" he asked Helen Chamberlain, the Region's director of financial management and planning and deputy treasurer.

"That's correct," Chamberlain answered.

"Folks, that's a huge dollar amount," Petrovski said.

He said the money, rather than be transferred to reserves to cover future shortfalls, should be returned to taxpayers.

"You know, when I go to the store and I overpay for something and I bring back my receipt and I say, 'you overcharged this,' I get back the five dollars."

"We're putting all this prepaid taxes into these reserves... what kind of comfort will I have that all this money will go back to the taxpayer...? What kind of comfort level

will I have we are not going to over-collect \$4.6 million again from taxpayers? [That's the story that should be in the newspaper] — Region overcharges \$4.6 million. How are we going to do a better job of not overcharging our ratepayers?"

Chamberlain countered Petrovski's overcharging claim by explaining the bulk of the surplus (\$3.58 million) came from waste-management operations as a result of increased revenue from recycling and an arbitration award from Stewardship Ontario.

"That accounts for more than half of the surplus that was realized," Chamberlain said. "So those were not items that came from taxpayers."

St. Catharines regional Coun. Bruce Timms praised staff for coming close in its budget projections.

"This is a very small surplus," Timms said. "And the headline in the paper should be something about good management and good policy produces small, tiny surplus."

St. Catharines regional Coun. Brian Heit said money in reserves is eventually returned to the taxpayer one way or another.

"Every dollar we put in reserves eventually gets back to them," Heit said. "Whether it be this year or next year, they help keep taxes down, so having a reserve is not a bad thing, it's a good thing."

Heit noted municipalities in Canada, unlike their counterparts in the U.S., are not allowed to budget deficits.

"This is a good news story,

not a bad news story," Heit said.

Lincoln regional Coun. Bill Hodgson said reserves are a must for a co-operation the size of Niagara Region.

"Quite simply, we are expected, because of the scale of the operations that we actually run as a business, the anticipation is we will have reserves in position," Hodgson said.

"Those reserves...materially affect the interest rate, our credit rating, the interest rates that we'll be paying on debt."



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Municipal By - election 2015

Notice of Election Information

In accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*,
a by-election is being held as follows;

One To Be Elected
Councillor, Ward Two

Advance Poll Locations/Times

Dates	Time	Location
Thursday, March 19	4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement)
Friday, March 20	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement)
Saturday, March 21	12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Royal Canadian Legion, 130 Garrison Rd. (Basement)

Voting Locations on Voting Day, Monday, March 30, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ward	Poll	Location	Address
2	200	Royal Canadian Legion	130 Garrison Road (Main Hall)

Institutions/Retirement Homes (for residents only):

Crescent Park Lodge	4 Hagey Street	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Maple Park Lodge	6 Hagey Street	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Garrison Place	373 Garrison Road	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Voting By Proxy

An eligible elector, who is unable to vote at an advance poll or on Voting Day, may appoint a voting proxy to vote on his or her behalf. A person may act as a voting proxy for one eligible elector who is not a relative OR for one or more eligible electors who are relatives (specifically spouses or siblings of each other, parent and child, or grandparent and grandchild). Forms are available at Town Hall. The person who is being appointed as the voting proxy must come to Town Hall prior to 5:00 p.m. on Voting Day March 30, 2015 to have the appointment certified. Town Hall will also be open from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2015 for election purposes.

Alternate Formats

All reasonable efforts will be made to ensure that candidates and electors with disabilities are able to receive information and copies of election documents in a format that takes into account their disability. The format may be agreed upon between the requester and the Clerk.

Want to know more? Visit <http://www.town.forterie.ca>
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Returning students **MUST** apply. Application forms are available on-line. The deadline for receiving applications is **5:00 p.m. FRIDAY MARCH 20, 2015**. The Town of Fort Erie is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation is available to candidates upon request.

ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS

Residents are reminded that **no overnight winter parking** is permitted in the Town of Fort Erie between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 1 through March 31 of the following year. The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be enforcing Traffic By-law No. 2000-89. **The fine for this offence is \$40.00 and in addition, your vehicle may be towed at your expense.**

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Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

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Measles outbreak is over

Alison Langley
QMI Agency Niagara

The incubation period for the measles outbreak in Niagara is over, but public health officials say now is not the time to be complacent.

All told, there were six confirmed measles cases in Niagara, all involving unvaccinated people under the age of 30.

Dr. Valerie Jaeger, Niagara's medical officer of

health, said the generally accepted incubation period for measles is 21 days.

Based on the last confirmed infection on Feb. 10, the incubation period ended March 3.

"And we're 11 days past that now," Jaeger said last Thursday.

While the threat may be over, Jaeger is still encouraging residents to be vaccinated. The best way to protect against the illness, she said, is to ensure vaccinations are

up to date.

She credits public health staff as well as both school boards with helping to keep the recent outbreak of the highly-contagious disease to a minimum.

"We were very successful in containing the spread."

Vaccination clinics were held across the region after the first case of measles was confirmed Feb. 3.

Jaeger said 367 people were vaccinated at public health clinics.

Also, the health department distributed 4,826 doses of the MMR—a vaccine against measles, mumps and rubella—to local health care providers in February.

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Support group helps people overcome grief

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The grief a person feels when his or her loved one dies can be overwhelming.

But there is help for people who are recovering from the emotional pain that comes from losing someone.

South Niagara Life Ministries is a Christian charity that offers help, resources and counselling free of charge for families and individuals from all walks of life.

The organization is currently offering a grief support group which runs every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. until May 27 at its facility on Gilmore Road.

"People can just come as these are all open sessions," volunteer Daisy May said. "There are three components to the sessions (which include) videos, a workbook and a group discussion."

May, who leads the support group with her husband, Bob, said participants will watch a video each week that will feature experts discussing a variety of issues related to grief and loss. There will also be time for personal reflection and to share thoughts with others who are also struggling with grief.

May, who lost her son, knows from first hand experience what it is like to overcome grief. She attended a similar grief workshop in St. Catharines to help her deal with her loss.

"This is the fourth session that I've helped run. We do two 13-week sessions

a year," May said.

"It's fairly consistent. We usually see five to seven people attend the workshop and as the weeks pass more people come. It shows me that it's helping people."

Even if people feel that they don't want to speak, May said the workshop is beneficial because it teaches coping mechanisms to manage grief.

"The important thing is to help people understand it's okay and it's going to take time to get through it (the pain)."

For more information about the grief support group call South Niagara Life Ministries at 905-871-0236 or e-mail May at dmay59@gmail.com.

South Niagara Life Ministries is offering a grief workshop each Wednesday until May 27.



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Helena Street closed due to environmental spill

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Niagara Region's commissioner of public works said an acetone and toluene spill is responsible for the closure of Helena Street last Monday.

"It is dangerous when people come into contact with it," Ron Tripp said. "They are solvent-type substances. It's stuff that you would find in paints or adhesives."

Lab tests which analyzed the hazardous spill material were completed and the Niagara Region issued a statement Friday afternoon.

According to Tripp, there are "no immediate health risks at the moment" for nearby residents.

"We're staying on top of the situation. Much of it (the spill) has been contained and removed. We are continuing to monitor (the situation) and investigate (the cause of the spill)."

The material leaked into a ditch on Helena Street last Monday and the Ministry of the Environment

was alerted to the situation when a complaint was made to the Fort Erie Fire Department.

Tripp said the source of the spill was from a building at 833 Helena St.

The Region, in conjunction with the Ministry of the Environment and an environmental cleanup company are working together to clean the spill.

Helena Street remained closed between Garrison Road and Albany Street over the course of the weekend.

"I couldn't say for sure right now when the street will be reopened," Tripp said Friday afternoon.

"We're hoping to have things resolved early next week but it's too early to tell."

The street remained closed as of Tuesday.

As the investigation into the cause of the spill continues, any further impacts to the environment or surrounding properties will be reported by the Region as information becomes available.

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A portion of Helena Street was closed last Monday while the Region cleans and identifies a spill.

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Fort Erie resident asks Dragons for investment

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie's Andrew Aitken offered the Dragons a deal he hopes they won't be able to refuse.

Aitken, who co-owns online publishing company Written Rock with his partner Corey LeBlanc, were among many people who attended the open auditions at Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls last Thursday for the chance to appear on the popular television show *Dragons' Den*.

Through his publishing company, Aitken works with authors to help turn their literature into e-books and audio books.

"We don't charge them for anything. If you want to publish, it doesn't cost you anything unless you make money. We only make money if you do," Aitken said. "Electronic publishing takes time out of a night. It's the same for audio. It doesn't cost us anything to produce."

But Aitken said he'd like to expand his business to print.

"That's where it starts costing things," Aitken said.

Aitken would also like to break a Guinness World Record by inviting as many people as possible help write a story in 24 hours. He's hoping the Dragons will invest in Written Rock to help set a new record.

"I read that the dragons really like Guinness World Record attempts and I think this could be a really big event."

"It's been done overseas. We have to beat 953 people who wrote a story called Sarah and Spunky," Aitken said.

"We've done something like this before. We've attempted to write a story with as many people as possible. It was called The Bookshelf King. We did it at the Friendship Festival. It was lightly raining that day but we were fortunate enough to have about 275 people in about 12 hours."

If Aitken is selected to appear on the show, he'll be given an opportunity to pitch his idea to expand his publishing company to a panel of Canadian business moguls who have the money and experience to invest in business opportunities.

The Dragons are Arlene



Special to the Times
Fort Erie's Andrew Aitken auditioned for the Dragon's Den, a popular Canadian television show. He is hoping the Dragons will invest in his publishing company, Written Rock.

Dickinson, David Chilton, Jim Treiliving, Michael Wekerle and Vikram Vij.

"We met two producers and they really like us," Aitken said. "Now they will go and tell the network who they thought were good stories and the show will choose (the people who will appear on the show)."

It's "a waiting game" for Aitken but he is positive about the possibility of appearing on the show.

"We aren't asking for much and we have a rock solid plan. I have really great feelings about it."

Written Rock was founded in 2013 and has worked with "dozens of people."

Written Rock's first success

story is Fort Erie's Laura Halbert, whose book entitled *Exiled: Reign Storm*, is now available online.

"Laura's book is our first finished book and it's so good to see her book published. We've been working with her for over a year and a half," Aitken said.

Aitken is putting a call out to the community for help by asking people to tweet about Written Rock using the hash tag #Dragons' Den and #Written Rock to let producers know Written Rock has many fans.

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The Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program is hoping to make Easter a time to remember by providing children in need with baskets full of goodies.



Support needed for Easter basket program

➤ Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program hopes to provide children with small treats and toys

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Every child deserves to enjoy a few small surprises in his or her Easter basket.

That's why Mindy Leveille began a holiday Easter basket program six years ago. She ran the holiday program from her Fort Erie home. The program has expanded so much, it has been renamed Niagara Area Children's Assistance Program.

This month, NACAP will open its doors to the community at its new location at 116 Jarvis St on March 23.

The new building provides office and storage space as well as a store offering gently used clothing, dishes and other items.

"With everything happening all at once, I'm overwhelmed," Leveille.

"The donations for the store are flying in which is great but it's getting them on the shelves and ready for opening day. It's boom, boom all at once."

With support from the community, NACAP now offers Thanksgiving hampers, Christmas stockings for children, and a back-to-school program.

Leveille originally assisted only Fort Erie families but has now expanded services across Niagara.

With Easter coming, Leveille remains focused on filling Easter baskets for families who need assistance.

"The items we are looking for right now include any kind of outdoor toys like kites, buckets and pails, hoola hoops, soccer balls, footballs, chalk and bubbles."

Leveille wants every child to feel "equal and involved" at Easter.

"We should treat every child as our own. My children are going to be spoiled at Easter with small treats and I think every child deserves to be spoiled too."

Families can register for the holiday basket program between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. beginning March 23 by visiting NACAP's Jarvis Street location. Registration can also be completed online at www.nacap.ca.

For more information about NACAP and its programs call Leveille at 905-871-5437.

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The Easter Bunny has his sights set on Fort Erie

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Easter Bunny has his sights set on Greater Fort Erie and he's making a special stop in Bridgeburg this year. The Bridgeburg Downtown Business

Improvement Area Association will host the Bridgeburg Bunny Hop on Saturday, March 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. "This is the first time in a long time that we've had an Easter event in downtown Bridgeburg," BIA director Julie Brady said.

Brady, along with other members of the BIA, say they hope to restore downtown Bridgeburg which is why they are inviting families to the downtown core. Brady said the Easter celebration is one of the first steps the BIA is taking to



SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

The Easter Bunny will visit downtown Fort Erie during the inaugural Bridgeburg Bunny Hop on Saturday, March 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at former Fire Station 2.

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Children are invited to visit participating businesses for Easter treats.

"They just need to look for an Easter Bunny sticker in the window," Brady said.

The Bridgeburg BIA is also hosting an Easter party at former Fire Station 2, at 207 Jarvis St., for treats, face painting, egg colouring, balloons, a chance to visit the Easter Bunny and more.

Before the Easter Bunny makes his way to Bridgeburg, he'll fuel up in the morning for a busy day with a breakfast hosted by the Fort Erie Optimist Club.

The Optimist Club will open the doors of its Gilmore Road club house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is \$6 per person.

After breakfast, children can enjoy a colouring contest and egg decorating.

The Easter Bunny will also make a few special appearances in Greater

Fort Erie before Easter Sunday.

Crystal Beach Public School will host an egg hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 11 a.m. for children 12 and under.

The Ridgeway Business Improvement Area Association is also hosting an egg hunt on April 4. The Ridgeway BIA's second annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Village Square from noon to 1:30 p.m. for children 12 and under. Participants are asked to meet under the pavilion.

The Stevensville Kinettes are also hosting an egg hunt at United Empire Loyalist Park on Ott Rd. at 11 a.m. for children 12 and under on Good Friday.

The Stevensville Garden Gallery is also hosting its annual egg hunt earlier on Good Friday at 9 a.m. for children 12 and under.

The egg hunt is free but donations will be accepted for Community Program Outreach Erie.

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Prom Project breathes new life into formal wear

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Prom Project Niagara is pulling out all the stops to ensure every student feels like a prince or a princess on prom night.

The program, held in conjunction with the Education Foundation of Niagara and PenFinancial, offers soon-to-be graduates with a selection of dresses, suits, shoes and jewelry free of charge.

"It's a real eye-opener when it comes to the amount that some parents spend on their daughters," said Fort Erie Kinette Sandra Fickel.

"Prom dresses can cost \$150 or more depending on where you buy them," she said.

That's why the Fort Erie Kinette Club began the Diva On A Dime program and collected as many dresses and accessories as they could to dress Fort Erie's youth. The service organization helped dress three students in its first year with accessories, make-up and clothing.

When the Fort Erie Kinettes learned about Prom Project Niagara a few years ago, the service organization joined forces with Prom Project

organizers. Students who need formal wear for graduation or the prom can visit Fort Erie Secondary School on April 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to select their clothing.

All formal wear will be arranged by size on racks to try on. Volunteers are available to assist students in making their selections.

Similar events will be held at Beamsville Secondary School and Thorold Secondary School.

"We want to make sure every person has a good experience," Kinette member Louise Albert said.

Along with dresses, girls will receive a pair of shoes, matching purse, a corsage from Crescent Flower and jewelry. Men will receive a suit and tie. Everyone will also be given a voucher for free dry cleaning and an up-do.

"This [the Prom Project] is for every student. We have as

much selection as any store out there," Albert said. "The goal is to make everyone feel special when they do come."

The Fort Erie Kinette Club



Who: The Education Foundation of Niagara

What: Prom Project Niagara

When: Saturday, April 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Where: Fort Erie Secondary School, Thorold Secondary School and Beamsville Secondary School.

Why: To help youth find formal attire for graduation and prom.

From left, Fort Erie Kinette members Sandra Fickel and Louise Albert display some of the dresses youth will be able to choose to wear to prom or graduation free of charge through Prom Project Niagara.

Donations of formal wear can be dropped at any Penn Financial location. Men's clothing is "desperately needed," Albert said.

For more information call Kelly Kendrick at 05-651-3792, or 905-871-5333

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Nominations and Elections

No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for positions on the Board of Directors were closed effective December 31, 2014 in accordance with the Credit Union's by-laws.

- Board of Directors – There will be no elections to the Board of Directors this year, however, three Directors will be acclaimed, all for 3-year terms.

*Advance information will be available for all members upon request after April 1st, 2015. This information will contain our Credit Union's audited financial statements, and other relevant information.

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Rebecca Havill

Rebecca Havill,
Director of Governance, Risk and Compliance

SARAH FERGUSON Fort Erie Times

Students at Peace Bridge Public School are creating an inclusive learning environment by learning how to communicate with their friend, junior kindergarten student Aiden Rogers, through sign language. Students at the elementary school have spent the last few months learning signs to communicate with Aiden under the guidance of educational assistant Kristy Johnson.

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RIDGEWAY BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA Special to The Times

The Ridgeway Business Improvement Area recently donated its proceeds from its holiday fundraiser to the Lupus Foundation of Ontario. The Ridgeway BIA donated \$138 which was raised through the sale of Christmas tree balls that honoured the memory of lost loved ones. From left, is Trent Matthews, Ridgeway BIA director Derrick Dea and Margaret Moroz, public relations co-ordinator for the Lupus Foundation of Ontario.

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Boquet for a neighbour
To my neighbour, a big bouquet for you and thanks. I took ill last week and was unable to do even simple things for a couple of days, like take my dogs for a walk like I usually do. I asked you if you wouldn't mind taking my dog for a walk. Your dogs are a kind and friendly to mine and you said it wouldn't be a bother. You even asked me what time to come by for another walk. There are still some great people who will help people in need.

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Brick for careless drivers
A brick for careless drivers this month. I see all the time people who drive way over the speed limit, passing slower vehicles and merging too close. This careless driving risks causing accidents and is nothing but selfish. You'd risk unsafe driving, your life and the lives of others out of your own impatience? Please, drive according to conditions and don't think you're the only people on the road, the rest of us are trying to be safe and respectful of the weather conditions.

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GO Train touted as game-changer for Niagara

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Ray Olende thinks about how his life could have been different if Niagara had daily GO train service after he graduated from Brock University.

The 31-year-old St. Catharines resident said he

didn't have the opportunity to apply for jobs outside Niagara because he didn't have a vehicle.

"I ended up leaving, going to Australia, and coming back," said Olende, who is originally from Kenya.

"I think about myself, when I graduated university and I think if I had that option, I would have been

more successful and stayed in Niagara, instead of leaving for a few years before I came back.

"When I think about graduates, especially, giving them an option of being able to travel into Toronto for work I think is really important. And for people who can't afford to have a vehicle, or for a vehicle being

unsustainable cost wise, I think that's incredibly important for them."

Olende was one of more than 100 people who attended Friday's rally inside the Via Rail train station on Bridge St., in Niagara Falls to show support for Niagara's push to convince the provincial government to approve year-round GO

train service in the region.

Advocates from political, business, educational and community circles launched the Where would you GO? social-media campaign, asking residents to share how daily GO train service would affect them, their families, the organizations they work for, and their community.

Through www.niagaragoca.ca, residents can send tweets and selfies to Premier Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca and other politicians, urging them to support Niagara's proposal for daily GO train service.

"Go train service here in Niagara Falls will mean students like myself will have better access to other educational institutions," said Austin Ferguson, who is a student at Saint Michael High School in Niagara Falls.

"It means I will be able to fight the invasive greenhouse gases, a critical issue to my generation. But more importantly, it means... we can move forward to better our local economy."

Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Paula MacNeill said year-round service would be "great for now and for my (two-year-old) son's future."

"It would be great if it was something that he could use later on. It's good for all areas of Niagara - hospitality, tourism, and also for people to have the option to work in Toronto. It's absolutely essential to keep our area growing. We've had a lot of development, we need this to continue on."

Welland resident Dennis Alessandrini said year-round service in Niagara would allow him to better connect with out-of-town family, particularly his daughter and five grandchildren who live in Hamilton.

"It would be really nice to be able to spend time with my family, even I have to buy them the ticket to come down," said Alessandrini.

Husband and wife Allen Sadikow and Amanda Selig just bought a house in Niagara Falls and said they

think having daily GO train service in the community would increase their property value.

"It will also bring our friends and family from Toronto, that's where we were originally from, who don't all have cars, to come here, see Niagara-on-the-Lake, see the different areas in Niagara," said Sadikow.

Al MacNevin, of Welland, said he supports the push for GO because of how it could link up to a high-speed rail project currently being developed in Niagara Falls, NY, to connect that community to New York City.

"My belief is it actually would connect New York City to Toronto and everything in between," said MacNevin, who works in Niagara Falls. "I think the possibilities are endless."

Alex Digenis, of Henley Honda in St. Catharines, said when he moved to Niagara 5 1/2 years ago, he researched the peninsula extensively before deciding to ultimately invest in the region.

"One of the major things that I looked at in researching Niagara from an investment opportunity was what was happening with GO," said Digenis.

"I came to the conclusion that we were one train station away from exploding with prosperity and an amazing future in this region and if I missed that opportunity to get in before it happened, I wouldn't be able to afford it after it happened."

Digenis said bringing daily GO train service to Niagara would make the region more enticing for Torontonians to move here and for business people to invest here.

"If we could speak to the people in Toronto right now that are looking at a \$1 million home, a \$1 million home and sales went up 17% and I'm looking at you saying that you could get a house for \$350,000 to \$500,000 and invest the balance in a business to employ people in Niagara. I'm talking to you," he said.

Digenis joked that he's a car salesman advocating for public transit.

"It's good for the region, it's good for my business, it's good for Niagara's business."

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FORT ERIE SECONDARY SCHOOL Special to The Times
Fort Erie Secondary School won eight medals at the District School Board of Niagara Technological Skills Competition in culinary, baking, job demonstration and job interview challenges.

Fort Erie high school wins big at skills competition

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Fort Erie dominated the District School Board of Niagara Technological Skills Competition, with Fort Erie Secondary School students bringing home eight medals.

The DSBN Technological Skills Competition was held in February and the beginning of March at Niagara College.

"It's the most FESS has won at one time in the last eight years," culinary teacher Afshin Keyvani said.

"I think the key to our strong showing was the commitment from the students to stay after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays to prepare for the competition."

Since the beginning of December, students competing in baking, culinary, photography, job demonstration and job interview competitions met after school to train with teachers.

Caitlyn Brooks, Carlen

David and Hailey Foster were named the top three competitors in the job interview challenge and Dalton Bird was named one of the top competitors in the job skills demonstration challenge.

Katrina Waters, who won gold at the DSBN skills challenge last year in baking, was also named one of the top three competitors this year.

Pauline Cotter and Irina Fedchenko were also among the top three winners in the culinary challenge. Jason Haywood was also selected as one of the top three competitors in the photography challenge.

The winners of the gold, silver and bronze medals will be announced at the DSBN Technological Skills Celebration on April 8 in Niagara Falls.

In addition to the medals FESS took home from the DSBN Technological Skills Competition, the school also won gold at the Niagara College Cook-Off Competition on March 3.

Fedchenko and Cotter won gold in the team competition in culinary arts.

Waters won the baking competition.

Keyvani said he is proud of the students who competed at the DSBN Technological Skills Competition and the Niagara College Cook-Off Competition.

"I knew they (the students) were going to do well," Keyvani said. "But I didn't know what to expect with our students competing against other schools with 2,000 or so students and much bigger programs."

Keyvani said the competition is important because it gives students an opportunity to explore careers in the skilled trades and technologies while completing industry-related projects using industry-standard equipment.

The challenges were judged by industry professionals that give students valuable feedback.

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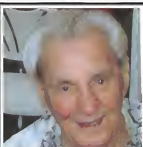
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BURNETT, Thomas - Tom passed away on March 7th, 2015 at the age of 67th. Predeceased by his parents Ma and Arthur Burnett. Tom is survived by his best friend, his dog Patsy and his many cousins. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** entrusted with arrangements. A Springtime service to celebrate Tom's life will be announced soon.**HAMMELL, Marie Anne** - in her 57th year passed away suddenly on Friday, March 13, 2015 at Welland Hospital with loving family by her side. Predeceased by her parents Hazel and Albert Hammell. Lovingly remembered by husband Glenn Norton, sisters Mary Hiibert (Bair), Annette. Loving Aunt to Jennifer and Eric (Kelsey). Marie will be sadly missed by family and friends, especially her Muggins. **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME** 722 Ridge Road Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. Cremation has taken place, with Marie's wishes there will be no memorial service. If desired donations may be made to Heart and Stroke Foundation or Charity of one's choice.

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SIMPSON, James Charles - Jim passed away peacefully at the St. Catharines General Hospital on Wednesday March 11th, 2015 at the age of 85. Proud father to Jodi Simpson, Tami (Doug) Barfield and Lori (Wayne) Andrews. Cherished grandpa of Charlotte, Maddie, Gavin and Megan and one to arrive in May. Beloved son of Elsie (The late George) Simpson. Sadly missed by his wife Cathy, by his sister Pat (Richard) McLennan. Fondly remembered by niece Michelle (Jim) Connaughton, nephew Scott (Carily) McLennan, grand nephews Taylor and Connor and great nieces Sophia and Emilia. Special and devoted friend of Doris Montebonville and family. James served with the Canadian Navy and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and will be remembered by his large circle of friends for his love of sports his sense of humour and his devotion to those he loved. **Benner Funeral Services**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Monday March 16th, from 10 am until the time of service in the Funeral Chapel at 11 o'clock. If so desired, donations to the Canadian Mental Health or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.Delivering
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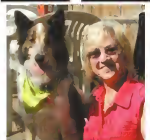
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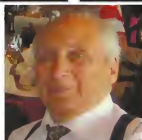
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STAPLETON, Stacie - Passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 14, 2015, with her family by her side at the age of 66 years. Loving wife of Jack, beloved mother to Donale King (Gilbert), Kevin Putman and Lisa Putman (Shannon Cummings) and step-mother to Deborah (Emilien) Proulx, Peter and Patrick Stapleton. Grandmother to Michael Putman, Stacey Davis, Derek Putman, Krista McGowan and Kyle King and step-grandmother to Shannon, Caroline and Isabelle. Great-grandmother to Hunter, Isabelle, Avah, Aurora, Matteo, Kolia, Chloe and Emilia. Cherished sister to Bonnie Moffatt, Judy Winger and Gerald Cline. Predeceased by parents Ruth & Arthur Cline and brother Dennis Cline. She'll be missed by her dog Cookie.

"You will be missed and our hearts are with you"

WILLIAMS FUNERAL SERVICES, 722 Ridge Rd. N. Ridgeway entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Tuesday from 6-9 and on Wednesday morning from 10 until service time at 11 in the chapel. Interment followed at Berrie Cemetery, Sarnia. If so desired, the family would appreciate memorial contributions to Camp Kakuah, St. Elizabeth's Hospice or to the Canadian Cancer Society.



WILLIAMS, William A. Sr. - Born in Wellesley, England on May 10, 1922, passed away at the Niagara Health System Wetland Site on Sunday March 15th, 2015 at the age of 92. Beloved husband of Carmeline. Proud father of Maria (Pat) Rapone and William Williams Jr. Cherished grandfather of David (Nicole), Shawn (Kristen), Richard (Amy) and Brian (Courtney). Loving great grandfather of Dominic, Marisa, Audrey, Emma, Matteo and Olivia. Also survived by his sister Barbara in England. Predeceased by his sister Margaret. William retired from New York Wire as an Inspector. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Wednesday March 18th, from 2-4 & 7-9. Funeral Mass will be celebrated from St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church (310 Central Ave., Fort Erie) on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Entombment to follow in Fairview Mausoleum Niagara Falls. If so desired, donations to the Juravinski Cancer Centre would be appreciated by the family.

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